

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT





MISSION STATEMENT

The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department is committed to the protection of the public utilizing intervention strategies that are community-based, family-oriented, and least restrictive while emphasizing responsibility and accountability of both parent and child.

CORE VALUES

We value the belief that everyone is to be treated with dignity and respect.

We value the belief that each person has innate worth, dignity, and the capacity for positive change.

We value services that are ethical, effective, and culturally competent.

We value and promote a positive image of the department, employees, and our role within the community.

We value an environment that promotes initiative, productivity, teamwork, and professional growth.

We value an atmosphere which stresses tolerance and is free of discrimination.

We value developing collaborative efforts with judicial, legislative, and community partners.

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HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Harris County Commissioners Court is a five-member elected body responsible for the general administration of county business. As a county agency, the Juvenile Probation Department receives most of its annual budget from the Commissioners Court. In CY 2019, \$78,252,376.56 was allocated for staff salaries, direct client services, county facilities and general operating expenses.

The Commissioners Court also determines county personnel regulations and sets operational guidelines followed by the department. Commissioners Court support enables the Juvenile Probation Department to provide services to thousands of at-risk youth and their families each year.

The members of Commissioners Court are as follows:

Lina Hidalgo
Harris County Judge

Rodney Ellis
Commissioner, Precinct One

Adrian Garcia
Commissioner, Precinct Two

Steve Radack
Commissioner, Precinct Three

R. Jack Cagle
Commissioner, Precinct Four

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE BOARD

The Harris County Juvenile Board is the governing body of the Juvenile Probation Department. It also serves as the school board for the Juvenile Probation Excel Academy Charter School. As mandated by state statute, the Juvenile Board monitors all of the department's programs, institutional services and residential placement facilities. The board also sets administrative policies and approves the department's annual budget prior to submission to Commissioners Court.



Judge Lina Hidalgo
Harris County,
Chairperson



Judge Natalia Oakes
313th District Court



Judge Michelle Moore
314th District Court,
Vice Chairperson,
Secretary



Judge Leah Shapiro
315th District Court



Judge Julia Maldonado
507th Family
District Court



Tanya Garrison
157th Civil District
Court



Judge Richard Vara
Harris County Justice
of the Peace for
Precinct 6, Place 1



Judge Danilo Lacayo
182nd Criminal
District Court

ASSOCIATE JUDGES



William Thursland
313th District Court



Eric Andell
314th District Court



Dena Fisher
315th District Court



Samanta Davis
Detention Referee

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF



The Harris County Juvenile Probation Department is pleased to present the 2019 Annual Report. For us, 2019 marked the beginning of transformation for our department and for the local juvenile justice system as a whole. We embarked in initiatives with juvenile justice experts to focus on effective interventions and reducing the system's reliance on secure confinement.

In 2019, our department re-engaged with the Annie E. Casey Foundation's expansion of their Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) into the deep end of the juvenile justice system. In addition to significantly reducing out-of-home placement, this initiative is grounded in safe and healthy adolescent development, safe communities, and the elimination of racial/ethnic disparities.

Central to this transformation is establishing community capacity that supports youth and families. Collaborating with the Columbia Justice Lab enables us to build on the experience of researchers, policy makers, advocates, and justice involved people that can help us accelerate this goal.

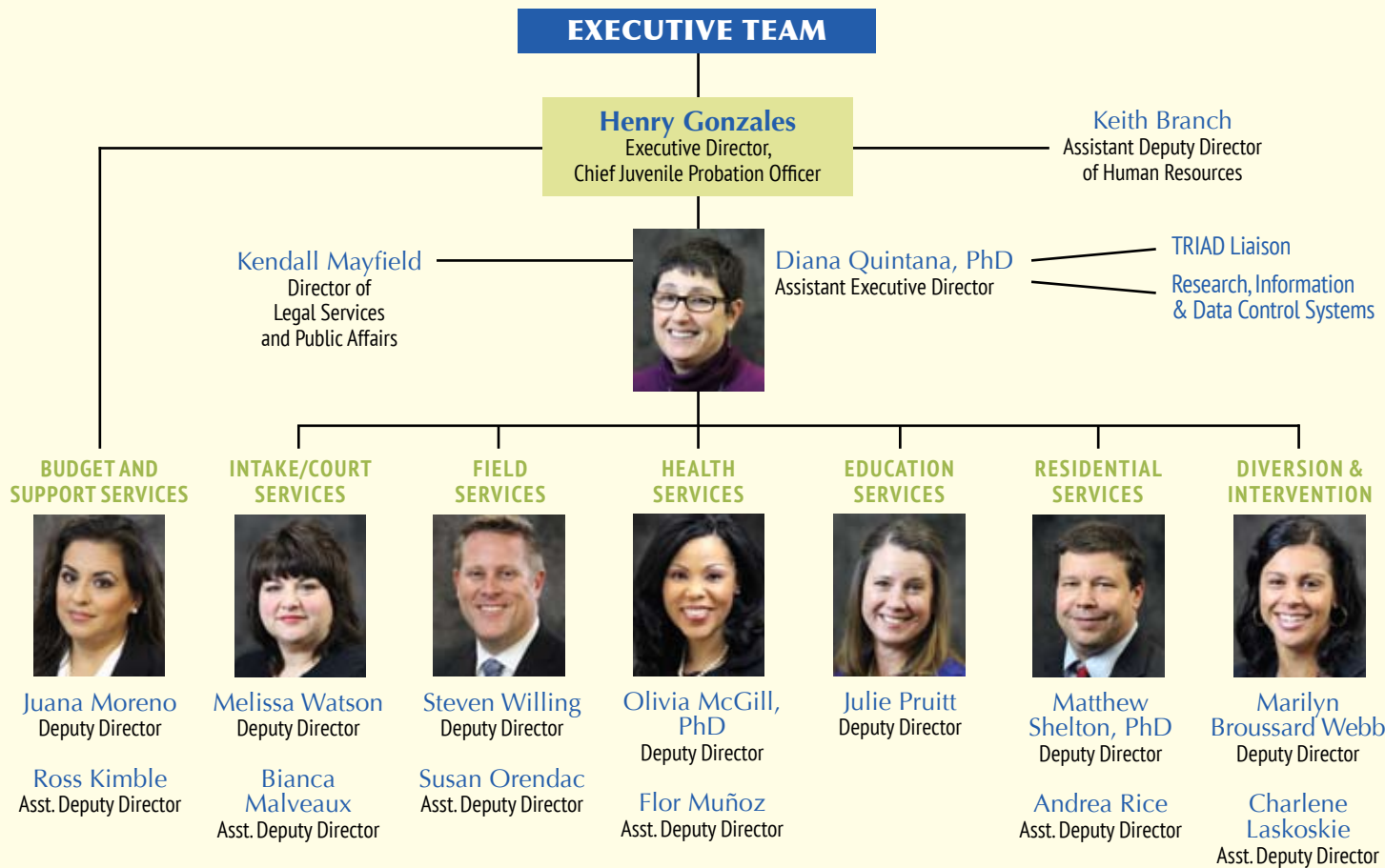
In the spring of 2019, a group of Harris County stakeholders participated in the Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice Certificate Program with the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University. This group included representatives from the offices of the Harris County District Attorney and Public Defender, the office of County Commissioner of Precinct 1, a Juvenile Court judge, the Racial Disparity & Fairness Administrator, and this department. This program provided instruction from national experts on cutting edge ideas, policies, and practices to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile justice systems.

While this transformation is in its early stages, these efforts are beginning to have a significant impact. Commitments to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for 2019 fell 72% from the previous year. In the same period, 24% fewer young people were placed in our post-adjudicated facilities. We reduced our secure residential facility capacity by closing one of our post-adjudicated facilities. Additionally, there has been an increase in the number of diversion programs available to youth, thus minimizing their involvement in the system.

Our department is committed to ensuring the Harris County juvenile justice system is one that promotes community safety, fairness, and accountability on all sides. Continuing to work with our partners while creating space to foster new connections are at the forefront of our work and we are excited to see what the next year brings.

Henry Gonzales
Executive Director

HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Slam Poetry at Youth Village

2019 EXPENDITURES

2019 HARRIS COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

HARRIS COUNTY

Harris County General Fund	\$ 78,252,376.56
Juvenile Supervision Fees	\$ 46,317.70
Family Protection Fees	\$ 14,700.00
TRIAD	\$ 1,714,596.58
	\$ 80,027,990.84

STATE

TJJD - State Financial Assistance	\$ 15,772,852.29
TJJD - Leadership Academy	\$ 1,006,558.95
TJJD - Special Needs Diversionary	\$ 241,777.43
TJJD - Regional Service Enhancement Projects	\$ 227,368.70
Regional Juvenile Mental Health Services	\$ 18,500.00
CJD - Creating Advocacy Recovery & Empowerment	\$ 58,763.14
CJD- Sobriety Over Addiction and Relapse Drug	\$ 9,914.94
	\$ 17,335,735.45

PRIVATE

State Farm - Roc the Mic, Rock the Music	\$ 110.62
Houston Endowment	\$ 133,449.32
Annie E Casey Foundation	\$ 16,525.94
Whole Kids Foundation	\$ 1,654.29
	\$ 151,740.17

FEDERAL

Title IV-E	\$ 91,013.96
Girls Inspiring Future Triumphs (GIFT)	\$ 410,731.10
	\$ 501,745.06

FEDERAL/STATE/OTHER

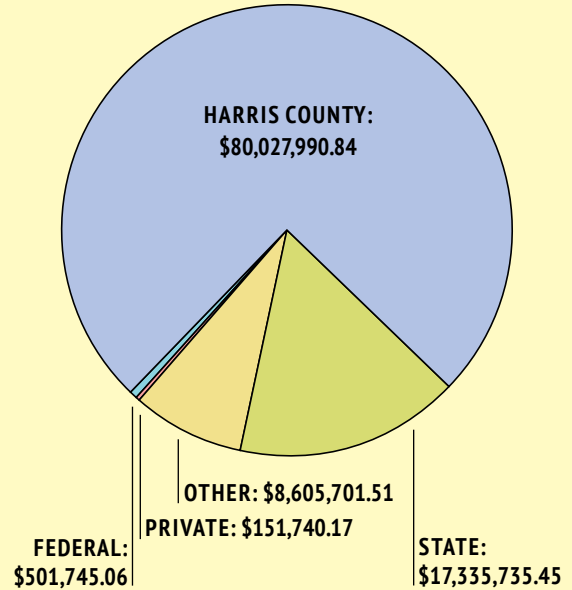
JJAEP Programs and Charter School	\$ 8,605,701.51
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TOTAL 2018 EXPENDITURES \$ 106,622,913.03

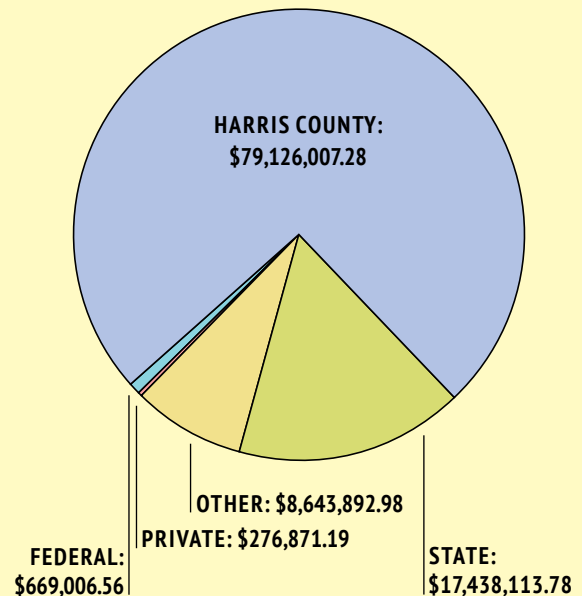
JPD Expenditures without JJAEP/Charter School	\$ 98,017,211.52
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COMPARISON: 2019 - 2018 EXPENDITURES

2019 - TOTAL 2019 EXPENDITURES: \$106,622,913.03

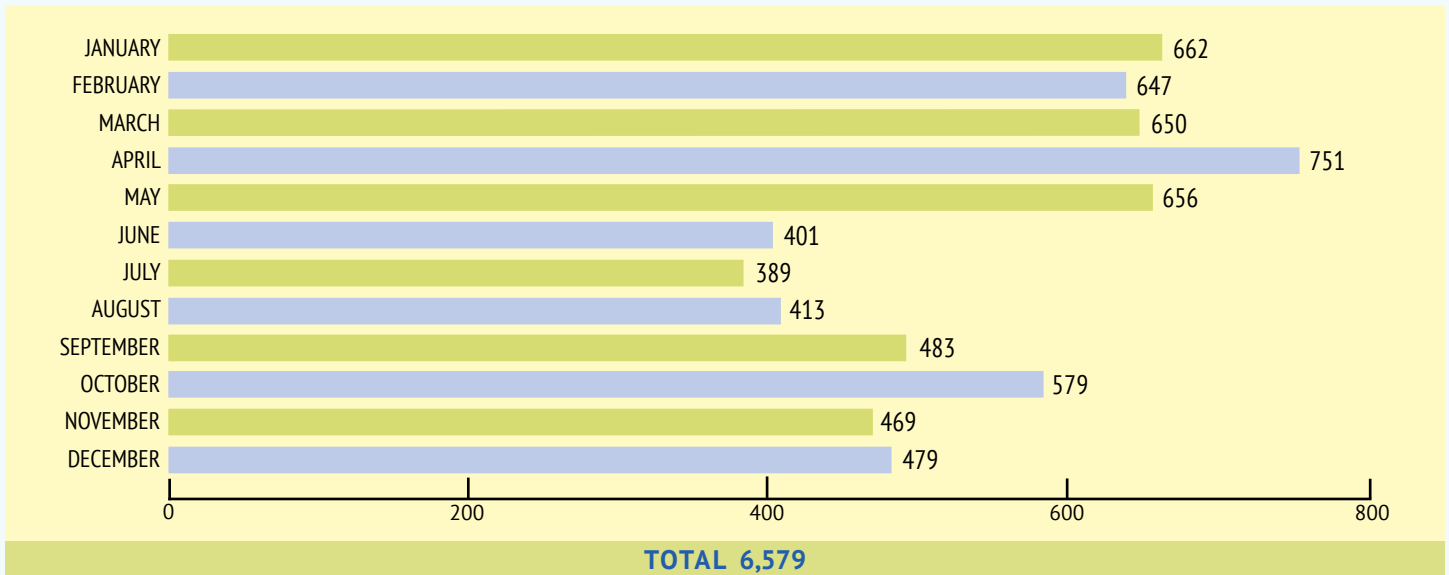


2018 - TOTAL 2018 EXPENDITURES: \$106,153,891.79



REFERRAL DATA 2019

NUMBER OF REFERRALS BY MONTH



REFERRALS FOR FEMALES BY ETHNICITY AND AGE

AGE	African American	Hispanic	Caucasian	Other	TOTAL
10	1	1	0	0	2
11	21	9	5	0	35
12	49	50	11	0	110
13	101	94	23	4	222
14	139	122	45	8	314
15	204	169	59	6	438
16+	239	202	83	8	532
FEMALES SUB-TOTAL	754	647	226	26	1,653

REFERRALS FOR MALES BY ETHNICITY AND AGE

AGE	African American	Hispanic	Caucasian	Other	TOTAL
10	6	4	4	0	14
11	33	14	12	1	60
12	85	75	25	5	190
13	226	185	46	3	460
14	394	401	85	8	888
15	593	591	111	20	1,315
16+	887	881	214	17	1,999
MALES SUB-TOTAL	2,224	2,151	497	54	4,926
GRAND TOTAL	2,978	2,798	723	80	6,579

REFERRING AGENCY

AGENCY	TOTAL
Baytown Police Department	94
Constable's Office	694
Harris County Sheriff	721
Houston Police Department	1,991
Juvenile Probation Officer*	338
Pasadena Police	223
Schools	1,773
Other	745
TOTAL	6,579

* Referrals representing Juvenile Probation Officer include administrative actions, early termination of probation, and request for change in custody. Referrals are not limited to violations of probation and/or detention.

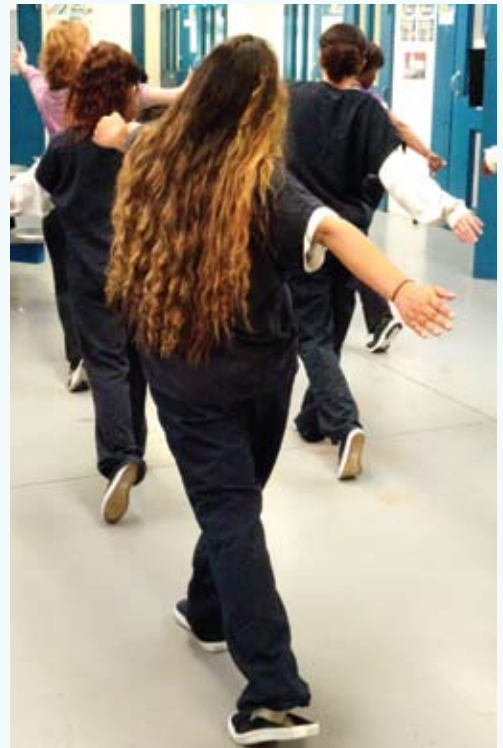
OFFENSE SEVERITY

Felonies	2,214
Misdemeanor A & B	3,936
Violation of Probation	429
TOTAL	6,579

REFERRAL DATA 2019

REFERRALS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DISTRICT	African American	Hispanic	Caucasian	Other	TOTAL
Aldine	232	247	7	1	487
Alief	147	122	15	2	286
Channelview	14	34	8	0	56
Clear Creek	22	39	35	2	98
Conroe	4	6	1	0	11
Crosby	2	8	7	0	17
Cypress-Fairbanks	275	220	99	24	618
Deer Park	7	31	15	0	53
Fort Bend	22	10	2	1	35
Galena Park	31	94	3	0	128
Goose Creek	41	91	20	0	152
Houston	1,068	858	73	13	2,012
Huffman	0	2	8	0	10
Humble	89	64	36	2	191
Katy	70	65	63	6	204
Klein	144	92	65	11	312
La Porte	7	11	11	0	29
Pasadena	60	261	32	1	354
Richard Milburn Academy	4	4	1	0	9
Sheldon	51	17	4	1	73
Southwest School	4	18	5	0	27
Spring	225	86	29	4	344
Spring Branch	30	100	19	2	151
Stafford	0	3	0	0	3
Texans Can Academies	59	49	2	0	110
Tomball	4	3	7	2	16
Waller	4	3	4	0	11
Charter Schools	67	57	4	0	128
GED Program	38	42	2	2	84
Private/Parochial	30	16	13	0	59
Out of County	116	63	45	1	225
College/University	1	4	0	0	5
Home School	28	40	26	2	96
H C Education Dept	16	12	6	1	35
Juvenile Board Charter School	0	2	1	0	3
Not Available	66	24	55	2	147
TOTAL	2,978	2,798	723	80	6,579



Houston Ballet at Detention Center



Ballet Hispanico at Leadership Academy

OFFENSE DATA 2019

OFFENSE PER REFERRAL 2018 - 2019

REFERRAL TYPE	2018	2019
Felonies		
Arson	24	26
Assault - Felony	408	375
Auto Theft	24	43
Burglary	169	214
Drugs - Felony	148	209
Evade/Resisting Arrest Felony	124	167
Homicide	16	18
Mischief/Felony	45	34
Other	288	156
Other Personal	42	56
Robbery	392	468
Sexual Assault	106	76
Theft - Felony	100	114
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	216	258
SUB-TOTAL	2,102	2,214
Misdemeanor A & B		
Assault	1,140	1,164
Drugs	1,163	631
DWI - MA/MB	13	8
Evade/Resisting Arrest	422	475
Mischief	197	180
Other	793	623
Theft	611	538
Trespass - MA/MB	389	317
SUB-TOTAL	4,728	3,936
Violations of Probation		
Violation of Probation-Technical	436	299
Violation of Probation - New Off/Other Jurisdiction	155	130
SUB-TOTAL	591	429
GRAND TOTAL	7,421	6,579

OFFENSE PER ADMISSION TO DETENTION 2018 - 2019

OFFENSE	2018	2019
Murder	18	16
Arson	24	26
Assault		
Felony	478	377
Misd A/B	605	581
Misd C	0	0
Sexual Assault	100	80
Robbery	398	470
Burglary	101	135
Theft		
Felony	89	61
Misd A/B	210	133
Misd C	0	0
Auto Theft	18	22
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	160	156
Drugs		
Felony	32	37
Misd A/B	220	141
Misd C	0	0
Mischief		
Felony	26	19
Misd A/B	80	70
Evade/Resisting Arrest		
Felony	102	134
Misd A/B	222	170
DWI - Misd A/B	8	2
Trespass	161	134
Other		
Felony	255	162
Misd A/B	576	339
Misd C	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	0
City Ordinance	0	0
Violation of Probation	565	408
Runaway* (CINS)	51	56
Other* (CHINS) Offenses	0	0
TJJD Runaways	23	5
Administrative Actions	101	104
TOTAL	4,624	3,840

*Children in need of supervision (status offenses)
Includes diverted youth

ADMISSIONS TO DETENTION DATA 2019

ADMISSIONS TO DETENTION BY MONTH AND GENDER*

AGE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	%
FEMALE	79	63	76	107	88	70	59	65	70	71	56	76	880	22.9%
MALE	276	267	233	304	269	214	240	205	220	285	221	226	2,960	77.1%
TOTAL	355	330	309	411	357	284	299	270	290	356	277	302	3,840	100.0%

* Includes diverted youth.

ADMISSIONS TO DETENTION BY MONTH AND AGE*

AGE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	%
10	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	7	0.2%
11	4	6	1	8	3	2	1	1	1	8	6	4	45	1.2%
12	15	16	6	13	18	3	6	7	10	9	10	9	122	3.2%
13	28	18	30	36	47	30	20	20	28	33	23	26	339	8.8%
14	67	58	64	94	58	38	42	46	55	56	45	49	672	17.5%
15	108	98	75	99	86	73	78	68	74	105	92	79	1035	27.0%
16+	132	134	131	161	144	138	152	128	120	144	101	135	1,620	42.2%
TOTAL	355	330	309	411	357	284	299	270	290	356	277	302	3,840	100.0%

ADMISSIONS TO DETENTION BY MONTH, ETHNICITY AND GENDER*

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	%
African American														
FEMALE	44	35	32	51	49	39	26	27	29	37	25	44	438	11.4%
MALE	151	131	102	160	118	107	119	97	119	139	108	123	1,474	38.4%
SUB-TOTAL	195	166	134	211	167	146	145	124	148	176	133	167	1,912	49.8%
Hispanic														
Female	22	24	36	53	31	19	28	29	30	22	23	29	346	9.0%
Male	111	111	114	126	126	88	102	96	85	121	91	94	1,265	27.6%
SUB-TOTAL	133	135	150	179	157	107	130	125	115	143	114	123	1,611	42.0%
Caucasian														
Female	10	4	8	3	6	12	4	8	9	11	8	2	65	2.2%
Male	12	24	16	17	22	18	18	11	14	23	21	8	204	5.3%
SUB-TOTAL	22	28	24	20	28	30	22	19	23	34	29	10	289	7.5%
Other														
Female	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	11	0.3%
Male	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	17	0.4%
SUB-TOTAL	5	1	1	1	5	1	2	2	4	3	1	2	28	0.7%
GRAND TOTAL	355	330	309	411	357	284	299	270	290	356	277	302	3,840	100.0%

* Youth may be counted multiple times if a youth had multiple admissions within the noted time period.

Includes diverted youth.

Definition of Detention: Detention is the temporary and safe custody of juveniles. Generally, secure detention should be utilized for youth who, by nature of their offense(s) or conduct, are found to be a danger to self/others, or are believed to be a flight risk. Less restrictive alternatives to secure detention are preferred.

FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

YOUTH UNDER SUPERVISION, 2017 - 2019

2017	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	MTHLY AVG
Probation	1,742	1,734	1,718	1,702	1,684	1,663	1,625	1,616	1,613	1,559	1,555	1,533	1,645
Deferred Adj	643	661	664	671	674	700	763	802	779	762	756	703	715
Deferred Pros (180)	134	138	140	169	176	201	218	209	190	171	172	164	174
Deferred Pros (90)	180	214	263	256	236	200	169	133	90	94	122	155	176
Deferred Pros (90) under age 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	4
TOTAL	2,699	2,747	2,785	2,798	2,770	2,764	2,775	2,760	2,672	2,586	2,607	2,560	2,711

2018	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	MTHLY AVG
Probation	1,524	1,483	1,466	1,426	1,431	1,425	1,448	1,554	1,617	1,612	1,614	1,606	1,400
Deferred Adj	666	668	711	759	779	857	936	952	978	954	921	806	832
Deferred Pros (180)	148	137	144	171	213	234	243	236	227	222	203	183	197
Deferred Pros (90)	177	166	161	184	232	294	282	226	157	117	128	157	190
Deferred Pros (90) under age 12	7	9	8	7	7	13	19	17	14	6	4	3	10
TOTAL	2,522	2,463	2,490	2,547	2,662	2,823	2,928	2,985	2,993	2,911	2,870	2,755	2,629

2019	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	MTHLY AVG
Probation	1,583	1,543	1,520	1,501	1,423	1,379	1,379	1,361	1,325	1,265	1,225	1,278	1,399
Deferred Adj	695	605	814	638	678	721	800	788	771	656	546	481	685
Deferred Pros (180)	186	187	198	212	196	219	200	220	206	174	136	123	188
Deferred Pros (180) Fifth Ward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	5	9	5
Deferred Pros (90)	213	219	233	250	289	326	302	283	204	148	182	227	240
Deferred Pros (90) FIRST	-	7	15	53	68	87	100	102	115	112	123	141	84
Deferred Pros (90) under age 12	6	7	7	7	5	4	2	2	2	1	2	4	4
TOTAL	2,683	2,568	2,814	2,661	2,659	2,736	2,783	2,756	2,626	2,360	2,219	2,263	2,605



Sounds of the Season at Detention Center



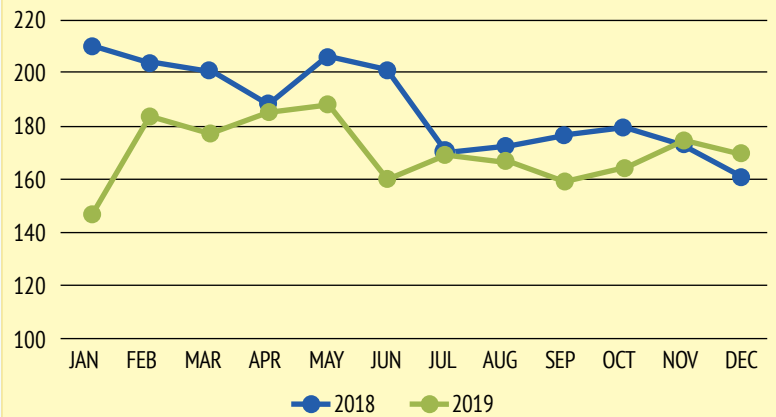
Gardening at Leadership Academy

COURT ACTIVITY 2019

COURT DECISIONS	YOUTH REPRESENTED
CERTIFICATION	5
TJJD COMMITMENT	31
TJJD-DETERMINATE SENTENCE	31
PROBATION*	1,557
PLACEMENT	531
FIELD SUPERVISION	1,017
PROBATION OTHER	9
DEFERRED ADJUDICATION	1,243
NON-SUIT/DISMISSED TOTAL	839
TOTAL	3,706

*Note - probation is a total of placement, field supervision, and probation other

PRE-ADJUDICATED AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION



SERVICE-LEARNING in 2019

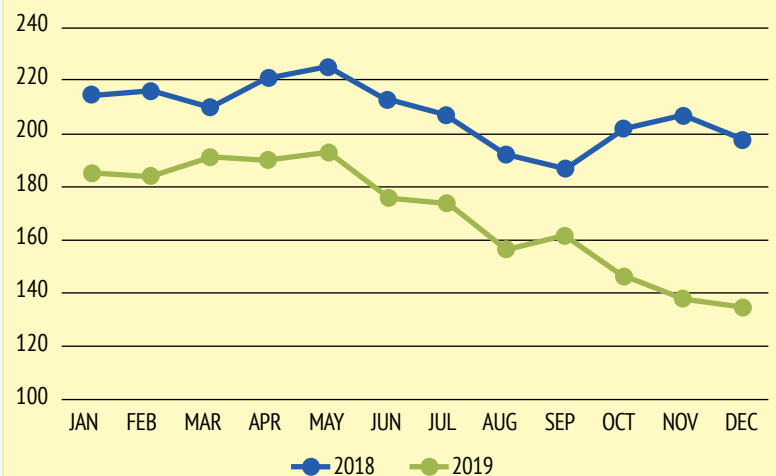
Youth participated
400

Total hours of service
2,464

Projected value
\$60,836.16

Service-Learning projects
58

POST-ADJUDICATED AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION



IN 2019 HCJPD

Number of current employees:
1,180

Number of New hires: **166**

Initial Certifications: **106**



Kairos Torch Mentoring Program

2019 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

2019 EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

EDUCATOR



Damika Captain

SUPPORT SERVICES



Nicole Collier

JANUARY



Jessica Barelas

FEBRUARY



Brandi Bagby

MARCH



Damien Clark

JSO



Ryan Faircloth

JPO



Hiram Bennett

APRIL



Victor Bedolla

MAY



Christopher Toth

JUNE



Lloyd Bailey

BOSS



Israel Mustafa

STAFF SERVICES



Darlene Rose

JULY



Barnaby Matteer

AUGUST



Brandon Sylvester

SEPTEMBER



Tiffany Coleman

MYRTA FARIZA HUMANITARIAN AWARD



Victor Gonzalez

OCTOBER



Aaron Fulsom

NOVEMBER



Andrea Rice

DECEMBER



Vashaundra Edwards

25 YEARS SERVICE AWARD

James Brent Norris
Hiram M. Bennett
Richard A. Evans
Gregory W. Rayson
Inez Devonne Ihezue
Andrea Lynn Rice

Anthony Curtis Warner
Christine Marie Rivera
Leonard Llorens III
Giselle Roquell Robinson
Richard V. Woolbright
Dennis E. Broadnax

30 YEARS SERVICE AWARD

Jo Ann Hernandez
Michael Prince
Marilyn Jones Ashley

Joe E. Cerda
Calvin Whitfield
Willie L. Haynes



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